



Public Safety Advisory Committee PSAC Minutes

For January 2, 2003

Community Meeting Room, Public Safety Building

Draft

Type of meeting:

Regular

Attendees:

Board Members – Larry Kanzler (Chair), Dolly Macken Hambright (Linwood Neighborhood), Rick Bantz (Lake Road Neighborhood), Karen Martin (Hector Campbell Neighborhood), Gene Covey (Lewelling Neighborhood)

Staff – Jill Martin (Police)

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 and introductions were made.

Kanzler gave a presentation covering the possible agendas of future meetings, the mission of the group, ground rules for meetings, an overview of the Police Department, staffing levels & responsibilities, etc. A brochure explaining Community Policing was handed out. A video of the speech given by Chief Kroeker at the Portland Police academy graduation was shown. A video of the Milwaukie Police Department's operations/tour of the facility was shown.

Discussion regarding some critical issues – State funding issues, closure of correctional facilities and reduction of Oregon State Police staffing. Kanzler discussed the possibility of the PSAC drafting a letter to the Governor regarding these issues. Karen thought it would be a great idea and asked if the potential cuts were just a scare tactic. Kanzler didn't think so. Gene asked if the letter would have much clout – Kanzler thought it would and that all the Police Chiefs have been voicing their opinions as well. Dolly suggested that the Board run it by the chairs of the neighborhood associations also. Everyone agreed to support the letter. Kanzler will email a draft out to everyone.

All of the District Attorneys in the State will be meeting this month – they want to defer/delay prosecution of all misdemeanor property crimes for two years. Rick brought up the use of Municipal Court for prosecution.

On January 18th there are four proposals for the south corridor regarding light rail – one of the considerations is Public Safety issues. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. Kanzler would like two volunteers to meet with him to look at some of the applications and if there are any issues they can look them up. Dolly and Karen volunteered (Rick tentatively also).

Rick recommended that members go on a ride-along with police officers. He said it was a real “eye-opener”.

Kanzler conducted a tour of the facility.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2003 - 6:00 PM, Public Safety Building, Community Meeting Room, 3200 S.E. Harrison Street